

The Organization of Wasatch Stake

At special conference held at Heber, Wasatch County, Utah on July 15, 1877, the Wasatch Stake of Zion was organized by Apostle John Taylor and Franklin D. Richards with Abram Hatch as President. Thomas H. Giles and Henry S. Alexander were his counselors.

Six new wards were organized. They were: Centre, Benjamin Cluff as bishop; Charleston, Numphus Murdock as bishop; Heber West Ward, William Forman as bishop; Heber East Ward, Thomas Rasband as bishop; Midway, David Van Wagoner as bishop; and Wallsburg, William E. Nuttall as bishop.

On Sunday, February 8, 1903, at a quarterly conference held in Heber City, Wasatch County, Utah, Heber City was divided into three wards with Robert Duke as bishop of the First Ward, Joseph A. Rasband as bishop of the Second Ward, and Fredrick Crook as bishop of the Third Ward.

Midway was divided into two wards with Joseph W. Francon as bishop of the First Ward and Jacob Probst as bishop of the Second Ward.

June 10, Daniels and Buysville wards of Wasatch County, Utah were made into one ward by Apostle Rudger Clawson and Hyrum M. Smith. Patrick H. McGuire was chosen and sustained bishop of the enlarged ward which was to be Daniels Ward.

For a long time previous to the dividing of Heber City into three wards Robert S. Duke was bishop of the Heber East Ward and Thomas Hicken 2nd was bishop of Heber West Ward.

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